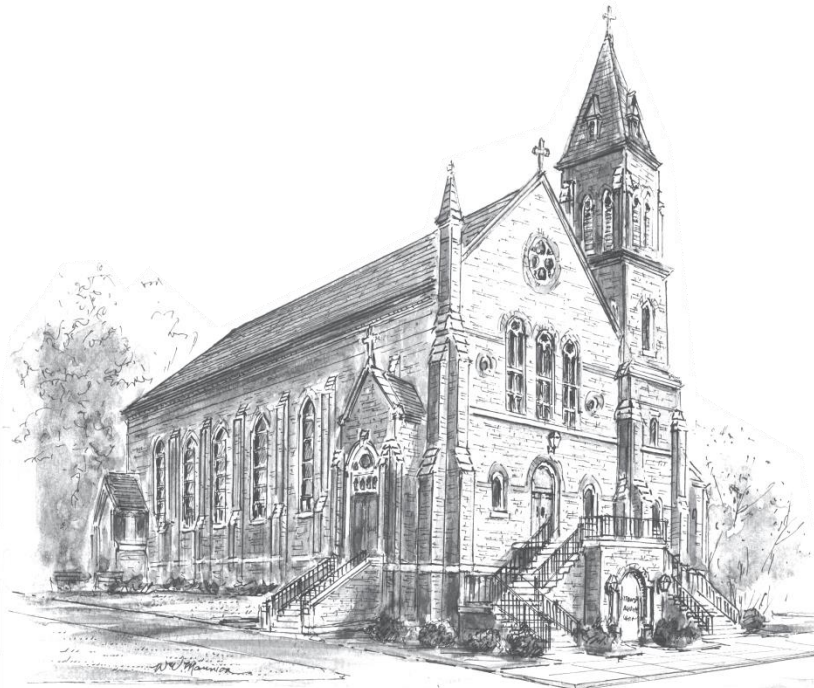


Funeral Planning Handbook



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Introduction

The death and loss of a loved one is a time of immense emotion. Sadness, grief, despair, relief, anguish, and sometimes anger are just a few of the emotions we may experience during the immediate days following the death of someone we love. But, in Jesus Christ, our faith tells us that with death life is changed not ended. It is our deepest hope and prayer that our family and friends who have died are now in the hands of God.

The Funeral Liturgy seeks to express both aspects of Christian Death: a true sense of mourning and loss and the hope that we will all be reunited one day with Jesus Christ in Heaven.

The priests, deacons and pastoral staff at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish stand by ready to assist you in planning the funeral and/or arranging a burial. Once you have made arrangements with the funeral home, you will be receiving a call from one of us asking to meet with you. The purpose of this meeting is to meet you, encourage you to share your thoughts and memories of the deceased, plan with you the funeral liturgy, and answer any questions that you may have. We are also here to meet with you in the months following the funeral, as you adjust to living in the absence of the deceased. We also encourage you to participate in a parish sponsored Bereavement Support Group that meets twice a month.

The fullness of the Catholic Church's funeral liturgy consists of 3 parts. The first is the Vigil, which normally occurs during the visiting hours at the funeral home. The second is the Mass. The third is the burial.

In some cases, loved ones may wonder whether a funeral service may take the place of a Mass. While this is certainly possible and permitted, the Catholic Church strongly encourages families to have a Mass. In your decision-making about whether to have Mass or not, it is right and therefore important that you and your family think about and then prioritize the desire of your deceased loved one.

Only at Mass can Holy Communion, which is the "Source and Summit" of our faith, be celebrated. In addition, the prayers, sermon, and songs at a funeral Mass help loved ones to better understand the Lord's promise of eternal life and the love that the Lord has for the deceased and his or her family. For these reasons, the Catholic Church considers the Mass to be the central component of the Order of Christian Funerals.

At this time and always, may God's peace be upon you and your loved ones.

Rev. Bill Devine
Pastor

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Parochial Vicar

Cremation

What does the Catholic Church say about cremation?

During recent years, cremation has become more common and the Catholic Church now permits it. According to the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of Sacraments, the Church prefers and urges whenever possible that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rite and that cremation would then take place after the Funeral Liturgy.

Cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum. The practice of the scattering of the cremated remains or keeping them in the home of a relative is not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.

If you have any questions or concerns during this difficult and often emotional time, we encourage you to please speak to one of the priests. We are here to offer you support and guide you with the important decisions that you will make.

Fr. Bill Devine and Fr. Jason Giombetti

Planning the Funeral Mass

What Happens at the Funeral Mass?

The staff and community of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish extends their sincere sympathies for your loss. Though we cannot relieve your pain, we can offer our prayers and assistance to help you through the unfamiliar process of planning the Funeral. We invite you to participate in the following ways:

1. The Pall

At the beginning of the Mass, two or more family members may wish to unfold the Funeral Pall (the white cloth symbolic of their Baptismal robe) over the casket, otherwise the Funeral Director will unfold the Pall. After the Pall has covered the casket, a family member or friend is allowed to place a symbol of Christian life, e.g. A Cross, a Bible, etc. on the funeral pall.

2. Readings and Music

You are encouraged to select the hymns and the readings for the Funeral Mass. You may have family members or friends read these scripture selections during the Mass.

3. Prayer Intentions

Should you wish, a family member or friend may compose and/or read the prayer intentions. Personally composed intentions or prayers often address the personal faith and hopes of your family. These intentions should be typed and provided to the priest prior to the wake service.

4. Gifts

You may have family members (1-3) bring up the gifts of bread and wine to be consecrated at Mass.

5. Eulogy

One family member or friend may offer a brief reflection after Communion. This reflection should be prepared and no longer than **two (2) to four (4) minutes**. The reflection should focus on faith, life, family devotion, work ethics and kindness of the deceased. The reflection should be typed and given to the priest prior to the wake service. If more than one family member or friend would like to speak, they will be invited to speak at the wake or cemetery.

Please pick one Old Testament, one New Testament, and one Gospel Reading**1. *A reading from the book of Wisdom* (3:1-9) (long form)**

But the souls of the just are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead: and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality. Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of Himself. As gold in the furnace, He proved them and as sacrificial offerings, He took them to Himself. In the time of their visitation, they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble. They shall judge nations and rule over peoples and the Lord shall be their King forever. Those who trust in Him shall understand truth and the faithful shall abide with Him in love: Because grace and mercy are with the holy ones and His care is with the elect.

The Word of the Lord.**2. *A reading from the book of Wisdom* (3: 1-6, 9) (short form)**

But the souls of the just are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them. They seem, in the view of the foolish to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality. Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of Himself. As gold in the furnace, He proved them and as sacrificial offerings, He took them to Himself. Those who trust in Him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with Him in love, because grace and mercy are with His holy ones and His care is with His elect.

The Word of the Lord.**3. *A reading from the book of Wisdom* (4:7-14)**

The just one, though he dies early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported – snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.

The Word of the Lord.

4. A reading from the book of Lamentations (3:17-26)

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But, I will call this to mind, as my reasons to have hope. The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, His mercies are not spent. They are renewed each morning, so great is His faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in Him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for Him, to the soul that seeks Him. It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

5. A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes (3: 1-8)

There is an appointed time for everything and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them; A time to embrace and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to cast away. A time to rend and a time to sew. A time to be silent and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate. A time of war and a time of peace. What advantage has the worker from his toil? I have considered the task which God has appointed for men to be busied about. He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts without men's ever discovering, from the beginning to end, the work with God has done.

The Word of the Lord.

6. A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah (25: 6-9)

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain, He will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; He will destroy death forever, The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces. The reproach of His people He will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to who, we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

The Word of the Lord.

7. A reading from *Philippians* (3: 7-14)

But whatever gains I had, these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. More than that, I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

8. A reading of the letter of Paul to the *Philippians* (3:20-21)

Brothers and Sisters, our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

The Word of the Lord.

9. A reading from *Romans* (8: 31-35, 37-39)

If God is for us, who can be against us? Is it possible that He who did not spare His own Son, but handed Him over for the sake of us all will not grant us all things besides? Who shall bring a charge against God's chosen ones? God, who justifies? Who shall condemn them? Christ Jesus, who died or rather, was raised up, who is at the right hand of God and who intercedes for us? Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Trial, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword? Yet in all this we are more than conquerors because of Him who has loved us. For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

10. A reading from *St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy* (4:6-8)

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Word of the Lord.

11. *A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians* (4: 13-18)

We would have you be clear about those who sleep in death, brothers and sisters; otherwise you might yield to grief, like those who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, God will bring forth with him from the dead those also who have fallen asleep believing in Him. We say to you, as if the Lord Himself had said it, that we who live, who survive until his coming, will in no way have advantage over those who have fallen asleep. No, the Lord Himself will come down from heaven at the word of command, at the sound of the archangel's voice and God's trumpet; and those who have died in Christ will rise first. Then we, the living, the survivors, will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall be with the Lord unceasingly. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

12. *A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians* (15:51-57)

This I declare, brothers and sisters: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and that which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, and then the word that is written shall come about, "Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

The Word of the Lord.

13. *A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians* (5:6-10)

Brothers and Sisters, we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with his hands, but one that lasts forever. So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

14. *A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians* (13:1-13)

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge, if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never fails. Faith, hope and love remain; but the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

15. *A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians* (15: 20-28) (long form)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Death came through a man; hence the resurrection of the dead comes through a man also. Just as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will come to life again, but each one in proper order. Christ the first fruits and then at His coming, all those who belong to Him. After that will come the end, when after having destroyed every sovereignty, authority and power, he will hand over the kingdom to God the Father. Christ must reign until God has put all enemies under his feet and the last enemy to be destroyed is death. Scripture reads that God "has placed all things under his feet." But when it says that everything has been made subject, it is clear that he who has made everything subject to Christ is excluded. When finally, all has been subjected to the Son, He will then subject Himself to the One who made all things subject to Him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

16. *A reading from Romans* (14: 7-9, 11-12)

None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master. While we live we are responsible to the Lord. And when we die we die as his servants. Both in life and death we are the Lord's. That is why Christ died and came to life, again, that He might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. We shall all have to appear before the judgement seat of God. It is written: "as surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me and every tongue shall give praise to God." Every one of us will have to give an account of himself to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

17. *A reading from the First Letter of John* (3:1-2)

Beloved, see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

18. *All who believe in the son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day.* (John 6: 37-40)

“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me; that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

19. *If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.* (John 12: 23-28)

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it provides much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will also my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. “I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father save me from this hour?’ But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from Heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

20. *There are many rooms in my Father’s house* (John 14: 1-6)

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and faith in Me. In My Father’s house there are many dwelling places; otherwise, how could I have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you? I am indeed going to prepare a place for you and then I shall come back to take you with Me, that where I am you also may be. You know the way that leads where I go.” “Lord,” said Thomas, “we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus told him: “I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

21. *Come to me and I will give you rest* (Matthew 11: 25-30)

On one occasion Jesus said: “Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, to You I offer praise; for what You have hidden from the learned and the clever you have revealed to the merest children. Father, it is true. You have graciously willed it so. Everything has been given over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son but the Father and no one knows the Father but the Son - and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal Him. Come to Me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you. Take My yoke upon your shoulders and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for my Yoke is easy and My burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

22. *Whoever hears my word and believes, has passed from death to life* (John 5: 24-29)

“Amen, amen I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.”

The Gospel of the Lord.**23. *I am the resurrection and the life*** (John 11: 17-27)

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. The village was not far from Jerusalem – just under two miles – and many Jewish people had come out to console Martha and Mary over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming she went to meet Him, while Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would never have died. Even now, I am sure that God will give You whatever You ask of Him.” “Your brother will rise again,” Jesus assured her. “I know he will rise again,” Martha replied, “in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, though he should die, will come to life; and whoever is alive and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I have come to believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God; He who is to come into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.**24. *All who eat this bread will live forever; and I will raise them up on the last day*** (John 6: 51-58)

“I am the living bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from Heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still dies, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

25. *Come, you whom my father has blessed* (Matthew 25: 31-46)

Jesus said to His disciples: “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, He will sit upon His royal throne and all the nations will be assembled before Him. He will separate them into two groups, as a shepherd separates sheep from the goats. sheep He will place on His right hand the goats on His King will say to those on His right, ‘Come. You have My Father’s blessing! Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, naked and you clothed Me. I was ill and you comforted Me, in prison and you came to visit Me.’ the just will ask Him: ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or see You thirsty and give You drink? When did we welcome You away from home or clothe You in Your nakedness? When did we visit You when You were ill or in prison?’ king will answer them: ‘I assure you, as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for Me.’ Then, he will say to those on His ‘Out of My sight, you condemned, into that everlasting prepared for the devil and his angels! I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink. I was away from home and you gave Me no welcome, naked and you gave Me no clothing. I was ill and you did not come to comfort me.’ Then they in turn will ask: ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or away from home or naked or ill or in prison and not attend You in Your needs?’ He will answer them: “I assure you, as you neglected to do it to one of these least ones, you neglected to do it for me.’ These will go off to eternal punishment and the just to eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.**26. *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven*** (Matthew 5: 1-12a)

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up to the mountainside. After He had sat down, His disciples gathered around Him and He began to teach them:

“How blest are the poor in spirit: the reign of God is theirs.

Blest too are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled.

Blest are the lowly; they shall inherit the land.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness, they should have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are the single-hearted, for they shall see God.

Blest too the peacemakers; they shall be called sons of God.

Blest are those persecuted for holiness’ sake; the reign of God is theirs.

Blest are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer Intentions

Following the homily, the following prayers or similar are offered. Families may write their own personal prayer intentions, or select 4 or 5 of the following.

1. For N., who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints.

We Pray to the Lord.

2. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your Son.

We pray to the Lord.

3. For our family and friends that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of His friend, Lazarus.

We pray to the Lord

4. For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

We pray to the Lord.

5. For all of us assembled led here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom.

We pray to the Lord.

6. For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness.

We pray to the Lord.

7. Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace.

We pray to the Lord.

8. For the mourners: family and friends of N. seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief.

We pray to the Lord.

9. We are assembled here in faith and to pray for our brother/sister N. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming.

We pray to the Lord.

Liturgical Music

The following lists are provided to assist you with selecting hymns for the funeral liturgy. These lists include the hymns most sung; however, other appropriate liturgical hymns may be selected if approved by the priest. If you have no preference or require assistance with selecting the hymns, our music director will gladly assist you. Please note that only liturgical hymns may be sung during the funeral liturgy. Non-liturgical songs, e.g. ethnic or secular songs, or special instruments, like bagpipes, may be incorporated into services at the funeral home, outside the church, or at the cemetery. Please consult your funeral director with any questions you may have.

Hymns (Please Choose up to FOUR hymns)

All Creatures of Our God and King
Alleluia!
Sing to Jesus
Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er
Amazing Grace
Ave Maria
Be Not Afraid
Christ, Be Our Light
Eat This Bread
Eye Has Not Seen
Fly Like a Bird
Here I Am, Lord
How Great Thou Art
I Am the Bread of Life
I Have Loved You
I Heard the Voice of Jesus
I, The Lord

Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Lord of All Hopefulness
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
On Eagle's Wings
One Bread, One Body
Panis Angelicus
Prayer of St. Francis
Shelter Me, O God, Psalm 16
Taste and See
The King of Love My Shepherd Is
The Cry of the Poor
We Have Been Told We
Will Rise Again
You Are Mine
You Are Near

Responsorial Psalm (Please choose one)

Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
Psalm 27 The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Psalm 42 (My soul is thirsting for the living God; when shall I see him face to face?)
Psalm 63 (My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.)
Psalm 116 (I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.)

Song for Final Commendation (Please choose one)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Jesus Remember Me
O Loving God (Londonderry Air)
Song of Farewell (Sands—"May the choirs of angels come to greet you")
Song of Farewell (Old Hundred—"Come to his/her aid, O saints of God")

Funeral Liturgy Selections

Name (by which the deceased was known): _____

Funeral Pall (Individuals who will place the funeral Pall on the casket):

First Reading #1-6 (Old Testament)

Selection Number: _____

Readby: _____

Second Reading #7-17 (New Testament)

Selection Number: _____

Readby: _____

Gospel Reading #18-26 (For pastoral reasons the priest may select an alternate selection.)

Selection Number: _____

Intentions (pg. 12)

Numbers: _____

Personally Composed: _____

Readby: _____

Presentation of Gifts (Individuals who will present the Gifts)

Hymn Selections

Hymns:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Responsorial Psalm:

Song for Final Commendation:

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FUNERAL MASS

Church/Mass	\$200
Organist	\$200
Cantor/Vocalist	\$175
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